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1. Antityphus and paratyphus serum injections were given to all civilians from the age of six or seven to 50. These injections, I believe, were given once a year in a series of three injections over a three month period. I heard that antimalaria inoculations were also given to civilians, but I know no details. While in military service, I received antityphus and paratyphus injections, and some kind of inoculation consisting of the application of a hot (electrical) rod on the arm and the scratching of the spot with a lancet; I believe that this still applies to those serving in the armed forces.
2. As far as I know, there have been no recent epidemics in Rumania. I did hear of isolated cases of typhus, but I have no further information.
3. I do not know of any organized civil defense units; nor did I ever hear of any organizations established to counteract chemical, biological, radiological, or atomic attacks. I did not hear of, nor did I observe, any passive air raid defense measures, ie construction of civilian bomb shelters or air raid warning systems.
4. As far as I know, there was no propaganda concerning US capability or intentions of waging biological or chemical warfare. The official propaganda emphasized the US desire to use the atomic bomb in a new war, and Soviet possession of such a weapon.

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